

Block Island Housing Board
Wednesday, July 6, 2011
Town Hall, Old Town Road
7:30 p.m.

Present: Cindy Pappas, John Spier, Fraser Lang, Dan Barker, Debbie Howarth, Patty Murphy, and Bonny Ryan, Clerk to take the minutes

Not Present: Gerry Riker

Also present were Joe Priestley, Esquire, Jill Helterline, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Martin and Judy Tierney from the Block Island Times.

Meeting was called to order by Cindy Pappas at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of minutes: Bid opening June 17, 2011, Regular meeting, June 17, 2011 Building Subcommittee, May 26, 2011, bid opening minutes from June 29, 2011.

A motion was made by John Spier and seconded by Dan Barker to approve the minutes of June 17, 2011

Ayes 6 (Pappas, Spier, Lang, Barker, Howarth, Murphy) Nays 0 Absent 1 (Riker)

A motion was made by Patty Murphy and seconded by Debbie Howarth to approve the Subcommittee meeting May 26, 2011.

Ayes 6 (Pappas, Spier, Lang, Barker, Howarth, Murphy) Nays 0 Absent 1 (Riker)

A motion was made by Debbie Howarth and seconded by Dan Barker to approve the Bid opening minutes of June 17, 2011

Ayes 5 (Pappas, Lang, Barker, Howarth, Murphy) Nays 0 Absent 1 (Riker) Abstain 1 (Spier)

A motion was made by Debbie Howarth and seconded by Dan Barker to approve the Bid opening minutes from June 29, 2011.

Ayes 5 (Pappas, Lang, Barker, Howarth, Murphy) Nays 0 Absent 1 (Riker) Abstain 1 (Spier)

Financial Update

See attached: A motion was made by Debbie Howarth and seconded by John Spier to approve the monthly financial statements.

Ayes 6 (Pappas, Lang, Barker, Howarth, Murphy, Spier) Nays 0 Absent 1 (Riker)

Clerk reported a final total of \$94,388.44 for tax collection.

Bill Payment: Transue Corporation asked for \$10,000 of the \$16,000 that was left on the contract.

A motion was made by Patty Murphy and seconded by Fraser Lang to pay Transue Corporation \$10,000.

Ayes 5 (Pappas, Howarth, Lang, Barker, Murphy) Nays 0 Absent 1 (Riker) Recusal 1 (Spier)

Discuss and act on Helterline Proposal

Joe Priestley, Esquire had addressed the Board and asked for an advisory opinion.

A preliminary draft was proposed by Dan Barker and the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Debbie Howarth and seconded by Dan Barker that if the Zoning Board approves the application presented by Jill Helterline for Plat 2 Lot 2-4, the Block Island Housing Board or its monitoring agent will review the application to ensure that the applicant is income qualified. In addition, the Housing Board will determine that the covenant to be entered into meets with board approval. If both qualifications are met, the Block Island Housing Board will support the application.

Ayes 6 (Pappas, Howarth, Spier, Lang, Barker, Murphy) Nays 0 Absent 1 (Riker)

There was discussion about monitoring agents. Mr. Priestley will contact Cindy Valenti from Washington Trust. Clerk will send the above motion to Mr. Priestley.

Discussion of construction bids and materials bids

There was a discussion about all bids received. John Spier left the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Cindy Pappas mentioned that she had followed up on the references. The next meeting date will be Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

At 8:50 p.m. a motion was made by Cindy Pappas and seconded by Dan Barker to enter closed session pursuant to RIGL§42-46-5(b), performance discussion.

Ayes 5 (Pappas, Howarth, Murphy, Lang, Barker) Nays 0 Absent 2 (Riker, Spier)

At 9:25 p.m. a motion was made by Patty Murphy and seconded by Cindy Pappas to return to open session and mention that no votes were made in closed session.

Ayes 5 (Pappas, Howarth, Murphy, Lang, Barker) Nays 0 Absent 2 (Riker, Spier)

A motion was made by Dan Barker and seconded by Patty Murphy to award the contract to Coastal Quality Construction contingent upon a mutually agreeable contract.

Ayes 5 (Pappas, Howarth, Murphy, Lang, Barker) Nays 0 Absent 2 (Riker, Spier)

With no further business to discuss at 9:30 p.m. a motion was made by Cindy Pappas and seconded by Dan Barker to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes accepted:

Bonny Ryan